

**Stratham Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes Public Session Wednesday April 13, 2011**

Members present: Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Edie Barker, Dan McAuliffe, Brad Jones, Tim Copeland, Bob Keating
Also present: Paul Deschaine (Town Administrator)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

30 Doe Run Wetland Impacts

The property owners of 30 Doe Run were scheduled to go before the ZBA on April 12, 2011. Their appearance was postponed to April 26, 2011.

Annual Town Roadside Clean Up

This year's clean up is scheduled for Saturday April 23rd from 9 am to 12 noon. Vests and gloves have been purchased by Brad and he will provide them to Pat this week. Thus far, the CC has sold 20 bins and 15 rain barrels. Donna volunteered to email individuals and remind them that their purchases should be picked up at Stratham Hill Park on April 23rd.

Conservation Commission Appointments 2011-2012

Both Bob and Dan have terms on the CC that end this year and each will like to continue on in their positions. Pat instructed them to see Joyce Carboneau in order to be re-sworn into their positions.

Pat announced that she intended for this year to be her last as Chairperson of the CC. She suggested that Donna become the Vice Chairperson for this coming year with the intent to succeed her as Chair. The CC discussed the possibility of job sharing the position of Secretary between Alison and Dena. Pat said the vote needed to be held during the present meeting because the information needed to be provided promptly to the Selectboard. Thus, the vote could not be postponed for a date when all board members were in attendance. Dan moved, and was seconded by Edie, to appoint Pat Chairperson, Donna Vice Chairperson, and Dena and Allison Co-Secretaries for the upcoming year. This motion passed unanimously.

Natural Resources Inventory

Pat distributed the executive summary of the NRI for review during the meeting, which she had composed based on input from the CC. There were a number of corrections and suggestions made, which were recorded by Pat. Those in attendance also reviewed the maps (1 through 11) provided by Theresa for inclusion in the NRI.

Maps:

1. 2005 Land Use: This map was deemed acceptable.
2. 2004 Build Out: The CC was not comfortable with this map. There appeared to be many errors due to out of date information.
3. Soils: This map was deemed acceptable.
4. Surface Water: The CC was not comfortable with this map, particularly the well head protection zones.
5. Aquifers/Groundwater: This map was deemed acceptable.
6. Farmland Soils: This map was deemed acceptable.
7. Wildlife Action Plan: This map was deemed acceptable.
8. Land Conservation Plan: This map is acceptable but conserved properties are missing from the map. There is a question about the property at the end of Doe Run on the Squamscott.
9. Natural Service Network: This map was not viewed favorably.
10. Conserved Land: This map is acceptable and should be included, but many conserved properties are missing from the map.
11. 2010 Aerial Photo: This map is acceptable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next CC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm April 27, 2011 at the Municipal Center 10 Bunker Hill in Stratham.

Submitted by Donna Jensen, Conservation Commission Secretary